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This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings of claims in the application:

Claims 1-2, 4-9, 11-13, and 16, 17 and 19 were deleted in response to a restriction requirement and previously added claims 25-29 were also deleted.

10.(Currently Amended) A cosmetic composition comprising a fragrance and an emulsifier wherein the emulsifier comprises an ester is selected from the group consisting of an alkenylsuccinic anhydride according to formula (1) and esters of an alkenylsuccinic anhydride of formula (1) thereof,

$$\downarrow [\downarrow]_n \qquad \qquad (1)$$

wherein n is equal to or greater than 4 and wherein the <u>ester of</u> alkenylsuccinic anhydride or ester is obtained by reaction of the <u>an</u> alkenylsuccinic anhydride with a mono- and/or polyfunctional alcohol <u>selected from the group consisting of a ethoxylated monoalcohol</u>, a propoxylated monoalcohol, a fatty alcohol ethoxylate, methyl glycol, methyltriglycol, and mixtures thereof.

3.(Currently Amended) The cosmetic composition of claim 10, wherein the <u>ester</u> of alkenylsuccinic anhydride or ester comprises a polyisobutenyl chain <u>obtained</u> obtainable by polymerization of isobutene, or a mixture isobutene and butene.

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- 20.(Currently Amended) The cosmetic composition as claimed in claim 10, wherein, in the reaction with the mono- and/or polyfunctional alcohols alcohol a molar ratio of anhydride groups to alcohol is in each case 1:0.9 to 1:2.
- 21.(Currently Amended) The cosmetic composition as claimed in claim 10, wherein, in the reaction with the mono- and/or polyfunctional alcohols alcohol a molar ratio of anhydride groups to alcohol is in each case 1:0.9 to 1:1
- 22.(Previously Amended) The cosmetic composition as claimed in claim 10, wherein the emulsifier comprises 0.1 to 8% by weight of the cosmetic composition.
- 23.(Previously Amended) The cosmetic composition as claimed in claim 10, which is in the form of an emulsion.
- 24.(Previously Amended) The cosmetic composition as claimed in claim 10, which is in the form selected from the group consisting of an ointment, a cream, a lotion, a gel, and a spray.

REMARKS

Applicant has amended the claims to attend to housekeeping and to place the Application in proper form for examination. Claims 10 and 3 were amended to more clearly recite what the Applicant believes to be the invention. Claims 10 and 3 now recite a cosmetic composition comprising an ester of alkenylsuccinic anhydride obtained by the reaction of a alkenylsuccinic anhydride and an alcohol selected from the group consisting of ethoxylated monoalcohols, propoxylated monoalcohols, fatty alcohol ethoxylate, methyl glycols, methyltriglycol, and mixtures thereof. Claims 14, 15 and 18 have been deleted. Support for this amendment may be found in original claims 1-3 and claims 14, 15, and 18. Claims 20-24 were amended to be consistent with amended claim 10. It is believed that no new matter has been introduced by these amendments.

An early and favorable action on the merits is respectfully requested. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fee deficiency to Deposit Account No. 03-2060.

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